

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

**Legal Legislative Committee**

Regina Gasco-Bentley, Chairperson

Winnay Wemigwase, Secretary

Aaron Otto, Member

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Meeting Location: 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49770 Tribal Court/Room 312

**MINUTES**  
**April 11, 2012**

**Call to Order: 10:31 am**

**Committee Member Roll Call**

Present: Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Secretary Winnay Wemigwase,

Absent: Councilor Aaron Otto

Legislative Office Staff Present: Donna Budnick, Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice-Chairperson Julie Shananaquet

Guests: Councilor Bill Denemy Jr., Rochelle Ettawageshik

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to adopt the agenda of April 11, 2012 as presented.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

**Minutes**

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2012 with corrections.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

**New Business**

a) Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA)- Chief Judge Allie Maldonado

Judge Maldonado spoke about the process of drafting MIFPA and potential issues that may arise from its most recent version (it had been submitted and returned from the State of Michigan Legislative Services Bureau). It appears to be strikingly different from the original document that was submitted to the State. The committee that drafted the original will be having a conference call on Thursday, April 12, 2012 and then a face-to-face meeting in Lansing on Monday, April 16, 2012. Allie will be providing an update following the Monday meeting. She is not requesting any action by our Committee or Tribal Council at this time.

**Old Business**

a) Legal Updates- General Counsel James Bransky

Jim updated us on the Vanderbilt, Steingold and Shomin Cases

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to accept General Counsel James Bransky's verbal report.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

b) Amend the Special Prosecutor for Vacancies

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to table the Amendment to the Special Prosecutor for Vacancies in order for Councilor Otto's input.

Vote: 2-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)

Break: 11:01 a.m.

Resumed: 11:26 a.m.

c) Legal – Court Case Updates

Donna spoke about a petition being circulated by a group called "The Committee for More Michigan Jobs." This may have an impact on our facility in the future.

d) Old Resolutions Review

We have now completed reviewing all the 2003 Resolutions and have begun Resolutions of 2004.

**Lunch Break: 12:10 p.m.**

**Meeting Resumed: 1:47 p.m.**

**Public Comment:** No Public Comment

**Next Meeting:** May 9th in Room 312 at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to adjourn meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Otto)